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■ BUSINESS

# Repeal would put staff put out of jobs

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The Municipal Act prescribes that requests to repeal the bylaw need to be received from at least one-half of the total number of persons entitled to notice. One-hundred and fifty-three parties were entitled to notice, with 67 requests received. Subsequently, this threshold was not met.

The act also requires that those who have signed requests must represent at least 50% of the general municipal taxes — in the business property classes — within the Business Improvement Area. Total general municipal taxation, in the business property classes, in the downtown Business Improvement Area, is

\$1,317,125.94.

A repeal would have put staff at the Queen Street office out of a job.

Ruscio said he has faith in Duane Moleni, the recently minted association general manager, hired in April.

However, one lingering bone of contention between the Downtown Association and those who looked to repeal the bylaw deals with expanding the BIA outside its existing zone.

Moleni told The Sault Star Thursday he doesn't necessarily dismiss moving outside the six current blocks, but believes applying change to the present jurisdiction first, and determining its effectiveness, is most prudent

in proving the BIA area works.

This remains unacceptable to Ruscio and others.

"You have an association called the Downtown Association," he added. "Downtown Association just does cover what they do and what they want to do. And that was part of our arguments from the beginning."

"We still think there is no voice of downtown."

In fact, Ruscio doesn't dismiss further efforts to repeal the bylaw should such concerns continue to fall on deaf ears. The association, Ruscio argues, flip-flopped on this issue recently, as it had agreed previously the downtown is "much broader" than six blocks.

"Now, at the last minute, they've pulled that back and said they just want to play with Queen Street," Ruscio said.

A repeat repeal drive is not something anyone wants — nor believes will have to be carried out, Ruscio said.

"This was very long and drawn out," he added. "But I don't think we're going to have to go that route. This new group, if they are what they say ... all eyes are on them now."

Had the decision been to repeal, the city clerk's office would have prepared a report to council, which would have had until the end of the year to repeal the bylaw.

The fact the focus is often on

the Downtown Association itself, and not the "old and antiquated" bylaw that governs it, is "terrible," Ruscio said.

"And that's all we were trying to change," he added. "We were told you can't and, absolutely, you can. You can amend it. You can disband it. They have the option of disbanding it and changing it. The city has the option of disbanding it and changing it. We only have the option of talking to them and, or trying to abolish."

"But I think now we are talking. We are today where we wish we would have been six months ago. I'm quite happy with the results."

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REWIND

today in history

August 15, 2015

1950 — Princess Anne, the only daughter of Queen Elizabeth, was born.

1969 — The Woodstock Music and Arts Fair began on Max Yasgur's farm near Woodstock, New York.

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■ LAW: Pan and Parapan Am Games manager alleges she was sexually harassed by David Peterson

# Ex-preem subject of sex lawsuit

TORONTO — A manager with the Pan and Parapan American Games alleges in a lawsuit that she was sexually harassed by David Peterson, the former Ontario premier and TO2015 chairman.

In a statement of claim filed with the Ontario Superior Court, Ximena Morris, 34, further alleges that when she complained to human resources and senior officials, she was first told to "let it roll off your back" and then demoted.

None of the allegations have been proven in court.

The claim alleges a history of flirtatious remarks from Peterson that escalated into unwanted hugs, sexually tinged remarks and public humiliation.

"'Hello Beautiful' was Mr. Peterson's common greeting, evolving to more aggressive and suggestive language," the claim alleges.

At an April 2014 event, the statement of claim alleges, Peterson "without invitation or consent reached and violated the physical and sexual integrity of Ms. Morris by embracing her, touching his chest to her breast, commenting again about her physical attributes."

The claim also alleges a "concerned and embarrassed" Saad Rafi, TO2015's CEO, turned to Morris at one point and told her: "Please don't sue us; let it roll off your back."

Morris also names the Pan and Parapan Am Games organizing committee, the Canadian Olympic Committee (a partner of the Games) and three members of the executive team at TO2015. She is seeking \$10 million in damages.

"I deny the allegations, categorically, and look forward to confronting them in court," Peterson said in an email.

Neala Barton, TO2015's vice-



HENRY ROMERO /REUTERS

David Peterson, chairman of the Toronto 2015 Pan-American Games organizing committee, holds up the torch of the Pan American Games during the Ceremony of the Ignition of the New Fire, at the ancient pyramids of Teotihuacan outside Mexico City in May.

president of communications, told the Globe and Mail that Morris's claim "grossly misrepresents how management at TO2015 handled Ms. Morris's allegations."

Peterson was Ontario premier from 1985 to 1990. He played a critical role in helping Toronto land the PanAms.

— Canadian Press

## ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF UNION GAS LIMITED

Union Gas Limited has applied for approval to change its gas commodity, storage and transportation rates effective January 1, 2016.

Learn more. Have your say.

Union Gas Limited has applied to change its rates to better reflect how it supplies natural gas to its customers. The proposed changes include the following:

- A change in the reference price used to set rates on a quarterly basis for a majority of its customers; and
- A change to how it allocates costs to the different types of customers that it serves.

An average residential customer would see the following annual bill impact, but these impacts would only start in 2018:

Residential Customer – Service Area	Approximate Bill Impact
Southern Ontario (Windsor to Hamilton)	Decrease of \$20
Northern Delivery Area (North Bay to Kapuskasing)	Increase of \$26
All Other Delivery Areas	Decrease of \$1.50 – \$51.50

Other customers in Union Gas Limited's service area, including businesses, will also be affected.

### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider the application filed by Union Gas.

We will question Union Gas on the case. We will also hear arguments from individuals and from groups that represent the customers of Union Gas. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to approve the changes that Union Gas has requested in this application.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

### BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process.

- You can review the application filed by Union Gas on the OEB's website now.
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing.
- You can become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by **August 25, 2015** or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.
- At the end of the process, you can review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website.

### LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is **EB-2015-0181**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file letters or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please select the file number **EB-2015-0181** from the list on the OEB website: [www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice](http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice). You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

### ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. The OEB will determine at a later date whether to proceed by way of a written or oral hearing. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **August 25, 2015**.

### PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and e-mail address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.

This hearing will be held under section 36 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998 c.15 (Schedule B).



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